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(SBU) Thoralf Stenvold, Adviser in the UN section, told PolOff on August 22 that Norway wants to maintain the UN HLD as a forum for the discussion of immigration issues. While acknowledging the importance of regional-level discussion and positively considering the use of the IOM for global discussion, Norway believes that these organizations need to be supplemented by the UN HLD. It provides a forum for political discussion and the exchange of information and best practices. Stenvold acknowledged that the GON is also concerned that members might use the forum as a place to 'bash' receiving states, but felt that proper preparation would minimize the danger of this occurring. Following the meeting in September, Norway will likely push for a follow-on dialogue in a similar forum.
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